



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back everyone!

We certainly hope that you had a wonderful summer and now we are definitely ready to get back to the learning with your children.

It has been a very busy September and we hope through our monthly newsletters you will have an opportunity to see and read about the amazing things that are happening at our school. Our school newsletter will go home the first Friday of every month and we hope to email it to those who have provided us with that contact information.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to our "Meet the Teacher Night" and who supported our pizza fundraiser that evening.

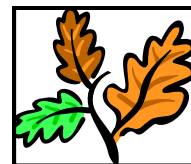
This past month our school has focused on the character traits of "Teamwork and Trust". We continue to believe in teaching our students what it means to be "On TRACK" and that demonstrating those traits are important part of being a responsible student.

Parent-school relationships are also very important to us and we want to make sure that you are always aware of what is happening at our school. Our teachers recognize the need for your support and try to communicate your child's progress in a variety of ways. Whether through the Timberbank agenda, classroom websites, newsletters, calendars or on our own Timberbank wiki, we hope that you can remain connected to your child's learning. We all play an important role in your child's life.

We welcome Sandra Phillips to our school who is an artist that will spend the month of October working with all of our grade 1-6 students on a some very special "social justice" themed art projects.

On behalf of all of our staff at Timberbank, I would like to express how much we are all looking forward to working with your children and we plan to make this another very successful school year!

Mrs. Anna Epitropou



Upcoming Dates

Oct. 9	Quizno's Lunch - Toronto Foundation for Student Success Fundraiser
Oct. 10	Cross Country Meet @ Thompson Park
Oct. 11	PA Day—NO SCHOOL
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving— NO SCHOOL
Oct. 15	Individual Education Plans go home
Oct. 18	Cross Country East Finals
Oct. 24	Cross Country City Finals
Oct. 25	Fall Community Clean Up in the afternoon
Oct. 29	Movie Night - details to follow in a flyer
Oct. 30	Photo Day
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade in the afternoon
Nov. 1	Grade 2 & 3s visit Black Creek Pioneer Village



EQAO - Grade 3 & 6 2012-2013

Congratulations to everyone for their hard work. This is definitely a team effort that requires all of our teachers to focus on our students' literacy and numeracy skills. As a staff, we continue to analyze our results and put strategies in place for improvement.

Grade 3 (% achieving Level 3 and 4)

Reading: School - 71%; Board - 68% Province - 68%

Writing: School - 79%; Board - 77%; Province - 77%

Math: School - 79%; Board - 69%; Province - 67%

Grade 6 (% achieving Level 3 and 4)

Reading: School - 78%; Board - 77% Province - 77%

Writing: School - 85%; Board - 79%; Province - 76%

Math: School - 67%; Board - 62%; Province - 57%

For more information, feel free to visit www.eqao.com.

Keeping Safe

We have completed ALL of our three mandatory fall fire drills. Our students exited quickly and quietly. We want to thank our staff and congratulate our students for learning this important procedure. We will have our lockdown practice this fall. This is another safety procedure that we have in place to deal with a variety of potentially dangerous situations. We are proud to have a safe learning community and wish to continue doing so.

Cross Country News

We want to wish our Cross Country Team the best of luck at the meet on October 10th at Thompson Park. Thanks to Mr. Stoyan, our coach, for making this happen for our students. And a big thanks to the parents for waiting after school allowing the students to go to the practices.

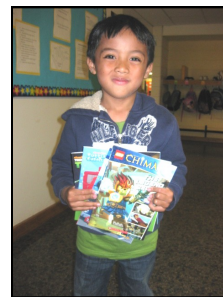
GO Timberwolves GO!!!!



Our newsletter and school updates go electronic! Thanks for sending in your School Council forms and agreeing to receive information and forms by email. Beginning with our next edition, parents/guardians will be emailed information and our newsletter. Thanks for saving many trees!

What's up in the library...

Our book fair started on Monday, September 23rd, 2013 and finished on Friday, September 27th, 2013. I am so glad to see that many of our staff and students had a great time at the book fair. Not only was it exciting to see students picking books they would enjoy reading, but it was also heartwarming to find them buying great gifts for their family and friends such as bookmarks, funky pencils and much more! The climax of the fair was definitely the Curriculum Night! That evening I was very pleased to see that our community does encourage and motivate our students to read. With your support, we passed our target goal of \$3000.00 and made a grand total of \$3184.80! Outstanding work Timberbank!



We had many ballots for our contests and we had our three lucky winners:

Candy Jar Contest: Aidan from Ms. Montgomery's Class

Mystery book: Harriny from Ms. Lo's Class

Curriculum Night event: Jazmine Ms. Namasivayam's Class



A big thank you to all for the support and encouragement that you are giving to the students of Timberbank. I especially thank Ms. Ramathan for her help on Curriculum Night.

I hope to see you at the next book fair that will take place in Spring!

Happy reading!

Ms. Oommen



Peanut Safe

Sabrina's Law requires every school establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts and/or peanut products. For more information feel free to visit:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org/>



"Meet the Teacher Night" **Book Fair**



Terry Fox Run and Hat Day

On September 27th, our students ran our annual Terry Fox run in the afternoon and our first School Spirit Day: Hat Day! The weather was great and our grade 6s led the way around our field through the ravine and back on to our school playground. Students were asked to donate a "Twoonie for Terry".

We know how much it meant to Terry Fox to have his dream continue. At Timberbank, we want to see his dream continue. Thanks to everyone who contributed so that some day we may find a cure to cancer!



Staying “On T.R.A.C.K.”

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay on track. This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized for their “Teamwork and Trust” and staying “On T.R.A.C.K.”.

Ms Lo's class: Michael, Philip, Sarah and Thakshanaa

Mrs. Jeung's class: Fiona, Joyce, Kevin and Om

Mrs. Montgomery's class: Aidan, Aatmayan and Simon

Ms Mourad's class: Ashvin and Cici

Ms Namasivayam's class: Emma and Raymond

Ms Boulos's class: Michelle, Nishani and Sakanan

Mrs. Spirou's class: Hishany, Mariam and Samuel

Ms Cheng/Mr. Mirshahi's class: Abinaya, Aksaya and Lucas

Ms Persaud's class: Abira, Chad, Christina, Demetri and Jolie

Mrs. Corrieri's class: Bo, Caralina, Muaaz, Niveethan and Seraiya

Mr. O'Connor's class: Grace, Heidi, Helen, Mahima, Shreya and Vithushan



YouDance Workshop



It was a great day for Mrs. Corrieri's grade 5 class because on September 30th they got to meet Anne Marie, a professional ballet dancer from the YouDance company. We are grateful to Ms Chan for the opportunity to let the grade 5s learn about the history of ballet. Anne Marie taught the grade 5s some ballet dances including “Swan Lake” and “The Spanish Dance”. She also taught the grade 5s some proper stretches that the ballet dancers would do before rehearsals. We exercised for 5-10 minutes, but they have to exercise for 1 hour and 30 min. The grade 5s learned some exciting moves and they will be going to watch professional dancers on stage on October 3rd.



Reminders:

- **Cars dropping off** students need to pay attention to the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. This continues to be a significant safety concern. You are welcome to drive into the parking lot, drop off your child and continue on. Do NOT block the driveway! Please be mindful of your driving around all school neighbourhoods. We want our students and community to be SAFE!!!
- **CONSTRUCTION** on Timberbank Blvd from Temple Bar to Chaldean - please be mindful!
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.



Parent School Council!

Parental involvement is an important part of the success of our students. We truly value your commitment to the education of your children and our school. Everyone is welcome to attend any of our meetings to hear about what is happening at our school.

Our Parent School Council met on Thursday, October 3rd for the first time this year. It was great to see so many parents at our meeting and hope we can get more parents involved through School Council. Congratulations to the following who have been elected to represent our parent community:

Co-Chairs: Nick Carasis and Lisa Ferguson

Treasurer: Mike Petkovski

Secretary: Tilley Creary

Community Rep: Marilyn Trenbeth



Our next meeting is on **Thursday, November 7th at 6:30pm in our library.** Please mark your calendars!

Student Absences: Safe Arrival Program



416-396-6860, press 1

As part of our Safe Arrival Program, our Office Administrator, Mrs. Jean Garcia, verifies all unaccounted for absences each morning and afternoon. When your child is absent or late, please give us a call to let us know. For your convenience the Safe Arrival voice mailbox is available 24 hours a day. All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Mr. Mirshahi's class were experimenting...take a look!



International Languages Program

Timberbank is pleased to work in collaboration with the Continuing Education Program of the TDSB. This partnership offers language classes at our school. It is great that our students have the opportunity to learn a new language or perhaps further enhance and sustain their first language.

Languages offered: Mandarin & Tamil

When: Wednesdays, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

For registration forms, please visit the main office!

Soo's Reading Circle

Every Saturday from October 5, 2013 to May 2014

Time: 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Location: Bridlewood Library - 2900 Warden Ave.

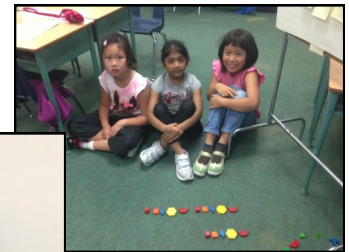
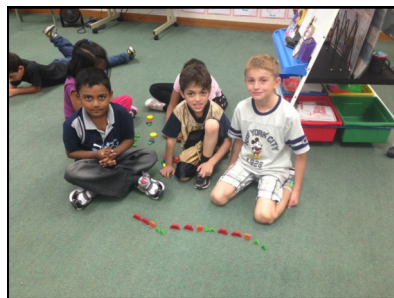
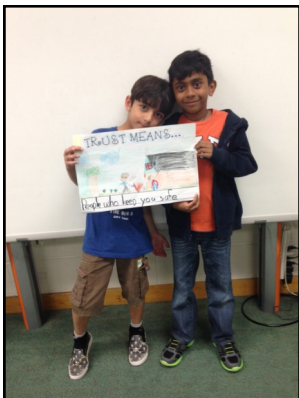
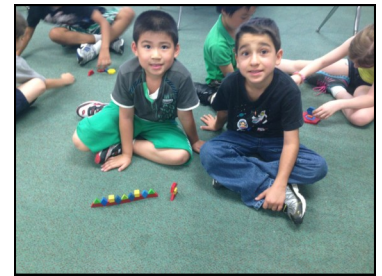
For more information, please call

416-297-6568

Or visit our website for the flyer!



The Grade 2/3s in Mrs. Spirou's and Ms Boulos's classes stayed "On TRACK" in the month of September by talking about what Teamwork and Trust mean to them. They were also learning about patterns take a look! They used teamwork to create patterns with their friends.

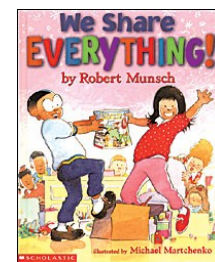


We Share *Almost* Everything!

In our Full Day Kindergarten classes, we are learning about classroom rules and routines this month. We read the book, "*We Share Everything*" by Robert Munsch. We understand that it is important to share with each other and to treat each other with respect. We also learned about things that we can share and things that we cannot share. Here are some of our ideas:

Good to share ✓	Not good to share ✗
- toys	- clothes
- books	- jewellery (necklace)
- blocks	- bag pack
- pictures	- shoes
- crayons	- food
- scissors	- spoons/forks
- pencils	- lunch bag

"We Share Everything!" By Robert Munsch	
Good to Share ☺	Not Good to Share ☹
toys 🧸	clothes 👕
blocks 🧱	shoes 👟
books 📖	food 🍌
friends 👫	germs 🦠
markers 🖍	hair elastics 📎
play dough 🍭	



We Share EVERYTHING!			
Good to Share		Not Good to Share	
- blocks	- pencils	- hats	- glasses
- arts and crafts	- tables	- underwear	- pants
- toys and games	- lunch	- snacks	- T-shirts
- books	- paint	- water bottles	- combs
- crayons	- markers	- socks	- straws
		- shoes	- forks
			- toothbrush

Grade 6s Learning about Flight from our Scientist in the School Program!



*And Even More
Hands-On
Science with
our Grade 4s
and Grade 5s*

